

**THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWN OF COBALT**  
**September 15, 2020**  
**REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL**  
**COBALT COMMUNITY HALL**  
**MINUTES**

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**PRESENT:**

**Mayor** George Othmer  
**Councillors:** Angela Adshead  
 Pat Anderson  
 Joe Dube  
 Bill Gabbani  
 Matthew Johnson  
 Doug Wilcox

**Staff:** Dale Taylor, Deputy Clerk-Treasurer  
 Cassandra Beaudoin

**1. Call to Order**

Mayor Othmer called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

**2. Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest and the General Nature Thereof**

None

**3. Approval/Amendment of Meeting Agenda**

Councillor Gabbani requested an amendment to Section 17. Closed Session to add – Direction to By-law Officer

**RESOLUTION No. 2020-184**

**MOVED BY:** Councillor Dube

**SECONDED BY:** Councillor Johnson

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT** Council approve the agenda of the Regular meeting of Council dated September 15, 2020 as amended.

CARRIED

**4. Approval of the Minutes****RESOLUTION No. 2020-185**

**MOVED BY:** Councillor Adshead

**SECONDED BY:** Councillor Wilcox

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT** Council approve the following minutes as presented:  
 Committee of the Whole Meeting – September 1, 2020

CARRIED

**5. Business Arising from the Minutes**

Further to the presentation by Story Environmental, Councillor Dube offered to schedule a meeting date with all three parties to discuss options for the Wetlands.

**6. Inquiries – Members of the General Public**

None

**7. Delegations and Presentations**

None

**8. Business Arising from Delegations and Presentations**

None

**9. Correspondence for Council direction:**

**9.1** Kemp, Elliott & Blair – 2020 Audit Management Services

**RESOLUTON No. 2020-186**

**MOVED BY:** Councillor Gabbani

**SECONDED BY:** Councillor Anderson

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT** Council engage the services of Kemp, Elliott & Blair as Municipal Auditors for 2020 at cost of \$24,000.00 (plus HST) for the Audit and \$1,500.00 (plus HST) for assistance in the preparation of the annual Financial Information Return (FIR).

CARRIED

**9. Correspondence for Council information:**

**9.2** Liz Cooper – concern re postage costs for remitting tax and water bills during office closure  
Attachment – Town of Cobalt methods of payment notice

Council reviewed the concern and noted that as per the notice, there are alternate methods of payment other than mailing a cheque. Council discussed the option of a lock box for future use and the disinfection protocol that would need to be implemented. Councillors stated feedback from the public was understanding of the situation and the need to mitigate the risk to staff. Council agreed that the Municipal Office would remain closed to the public at this time. Councillor Adshead will draft a response.

**RESOLUTION No. 2020-187**

**MOVED BY:** Councillor Johnson

**SECONDED BY:** Councillor Anderson

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT** Council receive the correspondence items 9.1 and 9.2 as presented.

CARRIED

**10. By-Laws**

None

**11. General Business**

**11.1 Approval of the Schedules**

**RESOLUTION No. 2020-188**

**MOVED BY:** Councillor Johnson

**SECONDED BY:** Councillor Anderson

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT** Council approve the following Schedules as presented:

Schedule No. 2020-16 in the amount of \$196,465.60

Schedule No. 2020-17 in the amount of \$90,642.81

CARRIED

**12. Motion for which prior notice has been given**

None

**13. Mayor’s Report**

None

**14. Notices of Motion**

None

**15. Councillor Updates**

Councillor Wilcox – request by Maggie Wilson to fill vacancy on Library Board

Council directed staff to post the vacancy on the Municipal website for a two-week period. Councillor Wilcox will consult with the Library Board for endorsement of a candidate and then present to Council.

**16. Question and Answer**

None

**17. Closed Session**

**RESOLUTION No. 2020-189**

**MOVED BY:** Councillor Dube

**SECONDED BY:** Councillor Johnson

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT** Council convene in closed session for the purpose of approving closed session minutes and as per Section 239 of the Municipal Act, 2001 as amended in order to address a matter pertaining to subsection:

- (2) (b) personal matter about an identifiable individual, including municipal or local board employees
- update and direction on Human Resources matter
- invoice and procedures as they relate to employee roles
- direction to By-Law Officer

CARRIED

**18. Business Arising from Closed Session**

- Council reviewed the document presented and agreed to the terms
- Invoicing matter was discussed and deferred for further discussion
- Direction was given to source a quote regarding a By-law matter

**RESOLUTION No. 2020-190**

**MOVED BY:** Councillor Johnson

**SECONDED BY:** Councillor Wilcox

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT WHEREAS** under the provisions of the Municipal Act, R.S.O. 2001 c.25, as amended, a Municipality may appoint an Interim Clerk-Treasurer (in the absence of the current Clerk-Treasurer) respectively, who shall have all the powers and duties of said offices under the Municipal Act and every other Act and under the direction and tenure as Council so desires;

**AND THEREFORE** Council authorizes the hiring of John Hodgson as Interim Clerk-Treasurer at an hourly rate and on an ongoing basis as determined by Council;

**AND THAT** Staff are directed to prepare the necessary By-law.

Recorded Vote

Councillor Adshead	F
Councillor Anderson	F
Councillor Dube	F
Councillor Gabbani	F
Councillor Johnson	F
Councillor Wilcox	F
Mayor Othmer	F

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CARRIED

**19. Confirmation By-Law**

**RESOLUTION No. 2020-191**

**MOVED BY:** Councillor Gabbani

**SECONDED BY:** Councillor Dube

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT** By-Law No 2020-40 being a By-law to confirm the proceedings of the Regular meeting of Council be taken as read a first, second and third time and finally passed this

**AND FURTHER THAT** the said By-law be signed by the Mayor and Clerk and recorded in the by-law book.

CARRIED

**20. Adjournment**

**RESOLUTION No. 2020-192**

**MOVED BY:** Councillor Johnson

**SECONDED BY:** Councillor Dube

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT** The Regular meeting of Council be adjourned at 8:07 pm.

CARRIED

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Mayor

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Clerk